

Members of the Rocklyn Women's Institute served hot dogs, pie and coffee at a food booth at a local farm sale. Helping out from left to right are Nancy Breadner, Teryl Sewell, Viola Clark, Evelyn Fulford, Myrtle Wiley and Mae McLean.

Submitted by Teryl Sewell, Rocklyn WI, Grey North.



### "Busy Hands"

Seven members of the Riverside Heights WI display a few of the over 50 knitted and crocheted lap covers donated to local shut-ins, seniors' homes and hospitals. Standing from left to right at their "Busy Hands" Meeting are Bev Brown, Florence McManus, Bev Reed, Hiltrud Weiker and Annette de Vette. Seated is Doris Erratt (left) and Marion Moore (right).

Submitted by Bev Brown, Treasurer, Riverside Heights WI, Dundas.



### Desbarats Members Recognized for Voluntarism

Desbarats Women's Institute members were named Volunteers of the Year for Johnson Township at a Dinner/Dance for Community Volunteers. They were recipients of the Ontario Municipal Recreation Association Volunteer Service Award, and letters of recognition from Algoma MP Brent St. Denis and Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

This WI group works closely with their local Recreation Committee. In the past year they have held a family skating party and a Christmas Tea and Bazaar, judged a Halloween Contest for the Best Decorated Yard, helped with the Children's Christmas Party and operated a booth on Community Night. They are also responsible for cleaning up a portion of Highway 17. Standing from left to right are Lavine Livesey, Irene Gjos, Ann McHale, Betty Mills, Doreen Pollard and Sherry Kern. Seated from left to right are Dorothy Hillstrom, Rachel Hunter, Arlene Hunter and Fay McClelland.

Submitted by Fay McClelland, Curator, Desbarats WI, Algoma North Shore.



In recognition of the International Year of Older Persons, Stormont District WI launched a cookbook, including favourite recipes from the past. Anyone wishing a copy can call Riki te Plate (left) at 613-984-2437 or Luella Robinson (right) at 613-346-5906. This District also celebrated by honouring the two women with the longest membership in the District - Leitha Casselman of Finch for 64 years and Ina McElheran of Avonmore for 62 years.

Submitted by Sandra MacMillan, PRO, Stormont.



### Hearing about History from Long-time Locals

Bruce Peninsula residents brought tape recorders and video cameras to the Mar Women's Institute Historical Night last summer. Guest speakers Doris Weir (seated front left), age 89, and Bert Hardman (seated front right), age 96, recalled life when travel by horses on corduroy roads was the norm. These two local residents have been blessed with vivid memories. Another Historical Night will be organized due to popular demand!

The 20 members of Mar WI also sponsor monthly pot luck dinners and euchre parties for their community. The current Mar WI Hall, a former schoolhouse built in 1908, is supported with the proceeds from two Fish Dinners. The Branch has been lucky to attract young retirees to their group in recent years as people relocate to the Bruce, and they hope to continue to grow. Word of mouth and writeups in the local paper get the word out for special programs and events. Mar WI members are involved in their community and it shows!

Submitted by Susan White, Vice President and Public Relations Officer, Mar WI, BruceCounty.



### Centennial History Scrapbook

Chair of the Centennial History Committee Leda Archer (left) presented FWIO President Arthena Hecker (right) with the completed Scrapbook at the Annual Meeting. The book is a collection of all Branch, District and Area centennial projects that were submitted. Hecker extended a heartfelt thanks to this committee: Leda Archer, Lorna McGrath, May French, Lois Lautlan, Elsie Howes and Laura McNabb.